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(February 19, 2007)-The Jazz Ensembles at the University of Minnesota, Morris will host the 29th annual Jazz Fest March 29-31. Several hundred area high school jazz musicians will join UMM and alumni jazzers, along with two guest artists, during the three-day event.

Daytime instructional clinics will pair high school students with guest artists, Chris Vadala and Allen Vizzutti. The event will be capped by a public performance, featuring Vadala and Vizzutti, each evening at 7:30 p.m. in Edson Auditorium. Admission for each performance is \$14 for adults, \$8 for children and senior citizens and \$5 for UMM students.

Trumpeter Allen Vizzutti, has performed in 30 countries and every state in the U.S. He has recorded both jazz and classical CDs, as well as performing on many motion picture soundtracks and television programs, commercials and recordings with artists such as Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand and Chick Corea. As artist in residence, Vizzutti has taught at the Eastman School of Music, the Banff Center for the Performing Arts, the University of Washington, Kansas State University and West Texas University. The Allen Vizzutti Trumpet Method, published by Alfred Music, has become a standard work for the trumpet study worldwide.

Woodwinds artist, Chris Vadala, is director of jazz studies and saxophone professor at the University of Maryland Eastman School of Music. Vadala's performing career has been highlighted by a long tenure as a standout woodwind artist with the Internationally recognized Chuck Mangione Quartet, which performed in all 50 states and throughout the world. He has received performing credits on five gold and two platinum albums, two Grammys, one Emmy and one Golden Globe Award. He has been a Downbeat magazine poll finalist in four categories, the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Study grant and has published a number of original compositions and arrangements.

For more information about Jazz Fest and to obtain tickets for public performances contact the Office of Student Activities at UMM, (320) 589-6080.

Photo: Chris Vadala, woodwinds guest artist

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